

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A residual current device having a reset lockout mechanism comprising:

a housing;

a user handle connected to a compression arm;

5 a solenoid having a magnetized shaft and a relay whereby the solenoid is  
connected to the housing; and

a shim connected to the compression arm where the shim is slidably engaged to  
move from a position between the shaft and relay to a position where the shim is not  
between the shaft and the relay.

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